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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1A DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 24 July 1953

REFERENCES _____

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25X1 REMARKS [REDACTED]

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25 [REDACTED]

C - Coach
 CB - Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 G - Gondola Car

- 25X1 [REDACTED] 1. The following troop trains [REDACTED] between 6 June 25X1
 and 6 July 1953: 25X1

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6 June	9 CB, 1 B, 45 F	Magdeburg	Blumenthal
	9 CB, 2 B, 39 F	Magdeburg	Blumenthal
7 June	14 CB, 2 B, 40 F	Neuruppin	Neubukow
	7 B, 12 F	Frankfurt/Oder	Fritzwalk
8 June	5 B, 20 F	Lieberose	Jueterbog
	55 cars	Templin	Altes Lager
	12 CB, 5 B, 38 F	Magdeburg	"
9 June	7 B, 35 F	Wolmirstedt	"
	6 B, 33 F	Haldensleben	"
	52 cars	Templin	"
	6 CB, 4 B, 19 F	Welzow	Kroepelin

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11 June	8 B, 24 F	Wildpark	Altengrabow
14 June	15 B, 45 F	Rathenow	Vogelsang
16 June	16 B, 35 F 5 B, 9 F	Eberswalde Brand	Lieberose Jueterbog Altes Lager Kuestrin
17 June	40 CB, 2 B, 5 F; Neuruppin		
	86 axles	Schwerin	Erest Litovsk
18 June	26 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Brand
21 June	7 B, 18 F	Schwerin	Finsterwalde
24 June	50 cars	undetermined	Frankfurt/Oder
	104 axles	Brand	"
	25 B, 20 F	Werneuchen	Guben
26 June	1 CB, 28 F	Koenigsbrueck	Jueterbog
	1 B, 11 F	Oranienburg	Zehdenick
	1 B, 10 F	"	"
	3 B, 14 F	Dessau	Jueterbog
	2 B, 14 F	"	"
27 June	26 B, 15 F, 10	Werneuchen	Guben
	38 B, 1 G	"	"
	3 B, 16 F; empty	Jueterbog	Dessau
28 June	27 B, 21 F	Welzow	Frankfurt/Oder
	35 B, 12 F	Brand	"
	49 cars	"	Kuestrin
	20 B, 26 F	"	Frankfurt/Oder
29 June	49 cars	Welzow	"
	20 B, 23 F	Jueterbog, Altes Lager	Kuestrin
	18 B, 27 F	Werneuchen	Guben
30 June	17 cars	Cottbus	Frankfurt/Oder
	55 "	Brand	"

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30 June	7 CB, 5 B, 35 F	Templin	Tangerhuetten	[REDACTED]	25X1
	38 cars	Werneuchen	Guben		
1 July	13 B, 21 F	Vogelsang	Mahlwinkel		
	5 B, 17 F	Templin	Tangerhuetten		
	13 B, 21 F; leer	Mahlwinkel	Pasewalk		
	11 B, 30 F	Bernau	Tangerhuetten		
	38 B, 10 F	Jueterbog	Kuestrin		
	8 B, 8 F	Jueterbog	Kuestrin		
2 July	5 CB, 17 F; empty	Tangerhuetten	Pasewalk		
	1 CB, 6 F	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna		
	8 B, 24 F	Fuerstenwalde	Magdeburg		
	8 B, 20 F; empty	Tangerhuetten	Ruegen		
3 July	5 CB, 5 B, 28 F	Jueterbog	Coswig		
4 July	11 CB, 8 B, 30 F	Neubukow	Fuerstenwalde		
	8 CB, 5 B, 17 F	Kroepelin	"		
	7 CB, 9 B, 28 F	Bad Doberan	Rehagen-Klausdorf		
	10 CB, 4 B, 36 F	"	"		
6 July	26 F, 13 B	Neustrelitz	Jerichow		
	9 B, 37 F	Greifswald	"		
	29 cars	"	Werneuchen		

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2. KVP trains [REDACTED] between 2 and 19 June included:

<u>Date in</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2	2 boxcars and 1 flatcar	Grossenhain	Bergen
12	1 boxcar and 3 SSy-type flatcars	Grossenhain	Neubrandenburg
16	6 boxcars and 4 flatcars	Weisswasser	Frankenberg

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17	7 boxcars and 4 flatcars	Weisswasser	Leipzig	[REDACTED]	25X1 20
18	10 boxcars and 6 flatcars	Weisswasser	Halle		20
19	9 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Weisswasser	Leipzig		20

3. Military shipments identified [REDACTED] between 21 June and 4 July included: 25X1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	[REDACTED]	
21 June	46 cars with Soviet escort personnel	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
	45 cars with Soviet escort personnel	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
	42 cars with Soviet escort personnel	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
	40 cars with Soviet escort personnel	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
	1 boxcar and 9 SSy-type flatcars with nine T-34 tanks	Cottbus; [REDACTED]	Falkenberg	-	25X1 22
24 June	1 boxcar and 35 flatcars with 35 canvas-covered vehicles	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
	43 cars with soldiers and trucks	Brand	Frankfurt/Oder	[REDACTED]	25X1 9
	42 cars with soldiers and trucks	Welzow	Frankfurt/Oder		9
	50 cars with trucks and equipment	Finsterwalde	Frankfurt/Oder		9
25 June	about 40 cars with trucks and equipment	Finsterwalde	Frankfurt/Oder		9
26 June	about 42 cars with trucks and equipment	Brand	Frankfurt/Oder		9
	43 cars with soldiers, trucks and equipment	Welzow	Frankfurt/Oder		9
	about 40 cars with soldiers and equipment	Werneuchen	Kuestrin	-	9

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27 June	about 42 cars with soldiers, trucks and equipment	Werneuchen	Kuestrin	-	9
28 June	42 cars with soldiers, trucks and equipment	Welzow	Frankfurt/Oder	<input type="text"/>	25X1 9
	1 boxcar and 28 flatcars with 22 canvas-covered vehicles; heavily guarded	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	21
29 June	about 42 cars with soldiers, trucks and equipment	Welzow	Frankfurt/Oder	<input type="text"/>	25X1 9
	12 cars with equipment and boxes	Cottbus	Frankfurt/Oder	-	
1 July	20 cars with soldiers, 10 trucks and equipment	Falkenberg	Frankfurt/Oder	-	21
2 July	18 cars with soldiers and 17 tanks	Leisnig	Ortrand	<input type="text"/>	25X1 25X1 23
	19 cars with soldiers and 18 tanks	Chemnitz	Koenigstrueck	<input type="text"/>	23
	18 cars with tanks	Grimma	Schwepnitz	-	
	54 cars with soldiers and trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	-	
	20 cars with tanks	Wurzen	Schwepnitz	-	
	1 troop train	Rueckmarsdorf	Schwepnitz	-	23
3 July	1 troop train	Rueckmarsdorf	Schwepnitz	-	23
4 July	1 troop train	Dresden-Klotzsche	Schwepnitz	-	23
	1 troop train	Bautzen	Schwepnitz	-	23

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4. The following eastbound troop trains were observed at the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station between 18 June and 2 July:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>
18 June	34 boxcars, probably with air force personnel 7
25 June	44 boxcars and flatcars with a troop unit
26 June	54 boxcars and flatcars with soldiers and vehicles; 1 aircraft crate; 10 gasoline containers; trucks and tank trucks; and 1 radio truck
27 June	48 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles
	50 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles
29 June	49 boxcars and flatcars with airforce personnel, vehicles, a jet plane, and another plane similar to a Fieseler Storch
30 June	47 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles
1 July	49 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles
	39 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles
2 July	16 boxcars and flatcars with air force personnel and vehicles

Several of the above trains also carried aircraft engines packed in crates, painted blue-grey or grey-green. 9

1. Comment. It is believed that the troop trains 25X1
 hauled headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, possibly signal units, to the command post exercises conducted in the Rathenow area and extending to the Elbe River and toward north. See
 The troop train from Frankfurt/Oder on 7 June 1953

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- 25X1 was also observed [redacted] The troop
25X1 train [redacted] to Vogelsang possibly
carried nine rocket launchers and motor vehicles. [redacted] 25X1
This indicates that contingents of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army also participated
in the above command post exercise.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The receiving station indicates that the troop train [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] carried an AAA unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div.
25X1 The troop train [redacted] from Welzow probably transported
a medium air force AAA unit to Wustrow for combat firing practice.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. All troop trains probably carried light AAA units of the
Fourth Gds Mecz Army which were to conduct combat firing practices at
Jueterbog. The troop trains are commented on as follows:
- 25X1 [redacted] The train is reported for the first time.
An AAA unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div was probably loaded on the train.
- 25X1 [redacted] The trains were previously observed
25X1 [redacted] they possibly carried AAA units of the 25th Tank Div and/or
25X1 8th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] The trains were previously reported
25X1 [redacted] the first train, however, with Wolmirstedt as dispatching
station and Halle as receiving station; and the other train as bound for the
Halle railroad district. [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] these trains probably carried tank units of
the 21st Gds Mecz Div which returned to their home stations. However, Jueterbog
as receiving station [redacted] proves that this version 25X1
was incorrect. It is believed that the trains actually went to Jueterbog via
Dessau which belongs to the Halle railroad district, and that the trains
probably carried AAA units of the 10th Gds Tank Div.
- 25X1 [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] Probably AAA units of the 7th Gds Tank Div moved from
Haldensleben to Jueterbog-Altes Lager.
- 25X1 4. [redacted]
- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. According to observations in Eberswalde, the train carried
elements of the 312th Gds RI Regt. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. The train possibly carried a light air force AAA unit from 25X1
Brand to Jueterbog-Altes Lager.
- 25X1 7. [redacted] Comment. This troop train was previously observed. [redacted]
It appears rather improbable that, [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] the train should have carried air force personnel only; all
the more as only soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed on
25X1 the train [redacted]
- 25X1 8. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train was dispatched from
Kroepelin which is believed to be correct.

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- 25X1 9. [] Comment. These troop trains transferred the bomber corps of 6
regiments and 1 air force reconnaissance regiment previously stationed
in East Germany. Thus, the present report confirms the observations
that the IL-28 units vacated the airfields at Werneuchen, Brand, Welzow,
Finsterwalde and Jueterbog. It is assumed that all units transferred to
the USSR. Indications, however, are available only for units previously
stationed at Werneuchen airfield. [] 25X1
- 25X1 10. [] Comment. On 22 May 1953, new rocket launchers from the USSR were
transported to Koenigsbrueck. [] . It is believed
that the former equipment was shipped to Jueterbog. In late June 1953,
old rocket launchers were also shipped to Jueterbog by the 90th RL Regt
(US) from Schoenwalde. 25X1
- 25X1 11. [] Comment. The two troop trains probably carried contingents of the
25th Tank Div which had been employed in Oranienburg during the riots on
and after 17 June 1953 and returned to Templin. [] 25X1
- 25X1 12. [] Comment. The troop train with [] from Vogelsang 25X1
to Mahlwinkel on 1 July 1953 was previously observed by another source. Still
another source stated that, on 1 July 1953, two troop trains were dispatched
from the Templin troop training grounds. The present report indicates that
the movement included three trains. The troop train [] 25X1
[] carrying elements of the 22nd Gds Engr Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div was
observed being loaded at Bernau and passing through the Eberswalde railroad 25X1
station. It is believed that elements of the 3rd Engr Regt and 194th Engr
Bn of the 25th Tank Div moved from the Templin area to the Tangerhuetten area
for field exercises on the western bank of the Elbe River. [] 25X1
- 25X1 13. [] Comment. The troop train probably carried tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div. 25X1
- 25X1 14. [] Comment. On 2 July 1953, an unidentified unit of the 7th Gds Mecz
Div moved from Fuerstenwalde to Magdeburg. [] 25X1
- 25X1 15. [] Comment. The troop train carried elements of the 143th Engr Bn
(US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div to the Elbe River for field exercises. See
[] 25X1
- 25X1 16. [] Comment. These troop trains carried medium AAA units of the 63rd
AAA Div (US) and 2nd Gds AAA Div which returned to Fuerstenwalde and Rehagen-
Klausdorf respectively. [] 25X1
- 25X1 17. [] Comment. On 6 and 7 July 1953, the dispatching of several troop trains
with components of the 9th Gds Tank Div from Neustrelitz to Jerichow was
reported by the same source and by another source. [] 25X1
[] . As the [] were not
reported in the reference report, the two troop trains to Jerichow in the
present report are probably observed for the first time. 25X1
- 25X1 18. [] Comment. By late June 1953, the bomber units previously stationed at
Werneuchen had vacated Werneuchen airfield. Other observations stated that,
up to 10 July 1953, several MiG-15 arrived at Werneuchen airfield. It
appears possible that the troop train [] belonged 25X1
to a rail movement in conjunction with a reoccupation of Werneuchen airfield
by a fighter unit.

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